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1. NEWS PLAY OF KISSIGER'S LATAM TRIP CONSIDERABLE REDUCED
IN FEBRUARY 23, MONDAY, SAO PAULO DAILIES. SECONDARY PAPERS
(O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO AND DIARIO DE SAO PAULO DO NOT CIRCULATE TODAY) CARBY BRIEF REPORTS ON THE SECRETARY'S LAST HOURS
IN BRAZIL AND ATMOSPHERE IN BOGOTA PRECEDING HIS ARRIVAL.
IMPORTANT FOLHA DE SAO PAULO AND GAZETA MERCANTIL PUBLISHED
SEVERAL ANALYTICAL BYNERS ON RESULTS OF VISIT TO BRAZIL.

2. BUSINESS-ORIENTED GAZETA MERCANTIL FEBRUARY 23 -. LEAD
COMMENTARY BY SIDNEI BASILE STATES IN FRONT PAGE, UNDER FIVE-
COLUMN HEADLINE "AFTER ALL, WHAT'S THE BALANCE OF KISSINGE'S
VISIT?" THAT SECSTATE'S TRIP WAS NOT "A BOX-OFFICER AND CRI-
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TICAL SUCCESS" BUT ONE SHOULD NOT UNDER ESTIMATE ITS PRAC-

TICAL RESULTS... HIS STAY IN BRAZIL LEFT AS BALANCE THE CREATION OF BILATERAL MACHANISM THAT MAY BE OF EXTREME VALUE FROM BRAZIL'S NOT SO REMOTE FUTURE... IF IT IS TRUE THAT KISSINGER MANAGED, AT RETHORICAL LEVEL, TO UNITE BRAZIL MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH THE DESTINY OF THE WESTERN WORLD, IT IS NOT LESS CORRECT THAT BRAZIL OBTAINED A CONSIDERABLE U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN THE FUTURE OF ITS DEVELOPMENT..."

B. U.S. CORRESPONDENT PIMENTA NEVES COMMENTS THAT BRAZIL'S RECENT BEHAVIOR IN THE DIPLOMATIC AREA WAS WORRYING THE U.S., WHICH CONSIDERED IT A RECEPTION OF THE MEXICAN CASE. IT WAS THEN NECESSARY TO FLATTER THE GIANT IN THE HOPE OF NEUTRALIZING IT. WILL THE EFFORT BE WORTH IT?... ANYWAY, ACCORDING TO THE LITTLE NEWS COMING (FROM LATAM) THE TRIP WAS PROBABLY ONE OF THE RARE HAPPY MOMENTS OF SECSTATE'S TROUBLED PERFORMANCE IN THE PAST YEAR."

C. COLUMNIST PAULO ESMANHOTO SAYS "U.S. STRATEGY OF FLATTERING EMERGENT COUNTRIES LIKE BRAZIL, IN AN ATTEMPT TO REDUCE THE FIRE POWER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BLOC, WAS ALSO EVIDENT WELL BEFORE KISSINGER PROGRAMMED HIS TRIP TO LATAM."

D. ALOYSIO BIONDI SAYS "THERE IS BIG DISTANCE BETWEEN BANQUET APEECHES... AND THE PRECISE DIPLOMATIC TEXTS, WHOSE CONTENT GOVERNMENTS MUST RESPECT... WHOEVER ANALYSES THE BRAZIL-U.S. MEMORANDUM WILL SEE THAT IT CARRIES NOTHING OF THE KISSINGER SAID. IN IT, BRAZIL IS NOT RECONIZED AS EMERGENT POWER' NOR DOES IT CARRY 'THE RECOGNITION THAT BRAZIL MUST RECEIVE DIFFERENT TREATMENT FROM U.S. ON THE CONTRARY, THE DOCUMENT SINGLES OUT ONLY 'THE LONG HISTORY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO PEOPLES ' (THEREFORE, EVERYTHING THE SAME) AND THE CONSTRUCTIVE INTERPRETATION OF THE CONCEPT OF INTERDEPENDENCE (THEREFORE, EVERYTHING THE SAME) - AND NOTHING ELSE."

E. MATIAS M. MOLINA SAYS KISSINGER'S TALKS WITH GOB OFFICIALS ON TRADE MATTERS WERE "AFAILURE... A REAL FAILURE PRODUCED BY THE ILLUSIONS OF THOSE WHO THOUGHT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT. KISSINGER CANNOT BY HIMSELF ELIMINATE OR SUSPEND THE COUNTERVALING DUTIES... SUCH DECISIONS DEPEND UNCLASSIFIED

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OF CHANGES IN THE TRADE ACT BY THE CONGRESS. AND NO ONE ITS ABLE TO IMAGINE THAT IN AN ELECTION YEAR THE SECRETARY OF STATE WILL GO TO THE CAPITOLHILL TO ASK FOR A CHANGE IN THAT LAW. WHAT IS SURPRISING IS THAT SOME AUTHORITIES IN BRAZIL THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE..." MOLINA ADDS THAT, HOWEVER, THE TALKS WERE NOT TOTALLY IN VAIN... IF KISSINGER SUCCEEDS IN CONVEYING TO THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT BRAZIL'S ANXIETY (RE ITS TRADE BALANCE WITH THE U.S.), MAYBE FORD

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ENCOURAGED NOT TO IMPOSE TOO SEVERE ADDITIONAL MEASURES
ON SHOE IMPORTS."

F. KLAUS KLEBER NOTES AS "A VERY SIGNIFICANT COINCIDENCE"
THAT THE CONSULTATION SYSTEMS SET UP BY THE U.S. BRAZIL
MEMORANDUM" IS IDENTICAL TO THAT OF THE BRAZIL-U.S. BUSINESS
COUNCIL CRETAEED IN JANUARY..." AND ADDS THAT THIS "REI-
NFORCES THE BELIEF THAT IT WILL BE TROUGH PERSUASION THAT A
SOLUTION WILL BE SOUGHT FOR THE TRADE EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE
TWO COUNTRIES.
BUT THE OBSTACLES WILL NOT BE FEW" - SAYS KLEBER. "THE FIRST

OF THEM IS THE TRADE ACT... AND THREE IS ANOTHER CRUCIAL OBS-
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TACLE AS WELL. IN THE TERMS OF THE POST VIETNAM (ERA) IT WILL
BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT 'TO SELL' IN TE U.S. THE NEED TO BUY
MORE FROM BRAZIL, IF THIS COUNTRY DOES NOT PLAY MORE ATTEN-
TION TO THE PRESERVATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS."

3. VEJA WEEKLY NEWSMAGAZINE, COVER FEBRUARY 25 EIGHT
PAGE COVER STORY TITLED "BRAZIL-U.S.- CLOSER
PARTNERS" AND SUB-TITLED "A WELL-LEARNED LESSON" -6 "KISSINGER
SHOWED IN BRASILIA HE AGRESS WITH THE THESIS OF BRAZILIAN
DIPLOMACY THAT THE BEST PARTNER IS NOT THE ONE WHO AL-
WAYS SAYS YES." VEJA SAYS "ALTHOUGH KISSINGER ACCEPTED THIS
MAXIM. THERE WERE NO EARTH-SHAKING POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC
CONSEQUENCES - AND NOBODY COULD EXPECT IT WOULD BE DIFFERENTE
THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IS FAR FROM BEING A POLITICAL
ACCORD... IT IS A DECLATION OF INTENTIONS WHICH CAN BECOME
A DEAD LETTER IF THERE IS NO POLITICAL WILL ON BOTH PARTS TO
USE IT ADEQUATELY', AS MINISTER SILVEIRA ADMITTED... THE
MEMORANDUM IS THE NATURAL PRODUCT OF KISSINGER SILVEIRA' S
PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS... IN SUM, THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION
OF THIS PERSONAL PROCUDERE, SO THAT THESE HABITUAL CONSUL-
TATIONS DO NOT DIE OF STARVATION WHEN BOTH (KISSINGER AND
SILVEIRA) WILL NOLONGER BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING BOTH
COUNTRIES' FOREIGN POLICES."

4. LIBERAL FOLHA DE SAO PAULO, FEBRARY 23 COMMENDATOR RUY LOPES
SAYS THERE IS ONLY ONE EXPLANATION TO KISSINGER'S "STRANGE
ATATEMENT"WHEN ANSWERING A QUESTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS DURING
SATURDAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE: " HE APPARENTLY TALKED TOO MUCH."
(AFTER ANSWERING THAT ' ' IT IS NOT MAY OBLIGATION HERE
AND PUBLICLY TO DISCUSS BRAZIL'S INTERNAL ISSUES", SECSTATE
ADDED: "BUT I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY YESTERDAY TO LEARN FROM VARIOUS
BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS THEIR IDEAS ABOUT THE EVOLUTION OF THIS
COUNTRY IN THE POLITICAL FIELD AND THEIR PERCEPTION OF THE
ROLE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THIS RESPECT.") "SEEN FROM U.S. INTER-
NAL ANGLE, HIS WORDS COULD BE TAKEN AS A HELP TO PRESIDENT
FORD IN THIS ELECTION YEAR," FOR "USG, SEVERELY CHARGED WITH
SUPPORTING DICTATORSHIPS ALL OVER THE WORLD, WOULD BE THEN
SHOWING ITS EFFORTS TOWARD THE IMPROVEMENT OF DIPLOMATIC
INSTITUTIONS IN THE HEMISPHERE."

5. NATIONALISTIC DIARIO POPULAR
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EDITORIAL SAYS: "THE DOCUMENT SIGNED BY KISSINGER AND AZE-
REDO DA SILVEIRA WAS WRITTEN WITH EVERY FLEXIBLE WORDS, SO
THAT NEITHER OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE DEEPLY PLEDGED
TO IT... BRAZIL CANNOT BIND ITSELF POLITICALLY TO NATIONS
THAT DO NOT WANT THAT OUR COUNTRY ACHIVES A STATUS OF INTER-
MEDIARY LEVEL POWER...KISSINGER'S EMPHASIS ON PLACING BRAZIL
AS AN AMERGING POWER MAY PLEASE OUR NATIONAL PRIDE BUT ALSO
MAY CREATE MORE DIFFICULTIES IN OUR RELATIONS WITH OUR NEI-
GHBORS, WITHOUT BRINGING US ANY PAY-OFF ON THE PART OF WASHIN-
GTON."
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